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except that they sometimes wriggled away from it for a few seconds, or changed their positions in the manner of Echeneididae on sharks. A notebook sketch made at the time shows the parasites about one-quarter the length of the Balistid, or perhaps 8 centimeters long.

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NOTES ON FISHES NEAR NEW YORK.

On December 20, 1913, one or two Big Skate, *Raja ocellata*, were taken from the fishing steamer "Taurus" at Cholera Bank, Long Island. This seems the latest definite available record near New York City for the species, which probably winters. The prongs of an egg-case were projecting from the cloaca of a female.

During the fall and ensuing winter of 1913, Dr. Wiegmann has been active studying the occurrence of fishes as captured near New York, and hopes by continuing his observations to get much more definite data on their abundance and migrations than is now available. The following late dates obtained are of interest:

Sheepshead Bay: Goggle-eyed Scad, *Trachurops crumenophthalmus*, Sept. 24; White Mullet, *Mugil curema*, Nov. 9; Northern Barracuda, *Sphyraena borealis*, Nov. 16.

Coney Island: Alewife, *Pomolobus pseudoharengus*, Nov. 26; Menhaden, *Brevoortia tyrannus*, Nov. 26; Silvery Anchovy, *Stolephorus argyrophanus*, Nov. 18. A single large specimen of the Silvery Anchovy was obtained. The identification has been verified at the American Museum of Natural History.

Sandy Hook: Blackfish, *Tautoga onitis*, Dec. 31; Squirrel Hake, *Urophycis chuss*, Dec. 31, abundant.

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